

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Laddie for his commitment to coaching thousands of athletes, who continue to carry the lessons of determination and fortitude that were instilled in them as runners.

FOUNDATION OF THE FEDERAL  
BAR ASSOCIATION CHARTER  
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5385, the GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018.

H.R. 5385 amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

Americans across our nation need care, and the Children's Hospital GME (CHGME) program has been utilized by hospitals across our country to train doctors who can provide that necessary aid.

I represent the 18th District of Texas which is home to the Methodist Hospital System, one of the largest medical institutions in the world.

H.R. 5385 will allow Houston to continue to recruit and train many talented doctors.

CHGME was created in 1999 because Congress recognized that a dedicated source of support for training in children's hospitals was necessary to strengthen the pediatric workforce.

Since then, CHGME funding has enabled children's hospitals to dramatically increase training overall, and in particular grow the supply of pediatric specialists—the area of greatest shortage in children's health care.

If CHGME is allowed to expire, we will lose the progress we have made in this field.

According to data from a 2017 Children's Hospital Association survey, pediatric specialty shortages continue to affect children's ability to receive timely, appropriate care.

The funds generated from this legislation will help train the medical professionals we desperately need.

In a time when there are growing health disparities within our nation, it is important to address the needs of underserved urban areas.

The more medical professionals we train, the greater the likelihood that these underserved communities will have access to proper medical care.

CHGME funds the training of pediatric providers at eligible children's hospitals.

The 58 children's hospitals that receive CHGME funding train approximately half of the nation's pediatricians, more than 7,000 annually.

We should provide the funds necessary to train students in a profession that will benefit society.

We must train the very professionals who will one day save the life of a child.

I support this legislation because it will increase the quality of medical training in the United States.

I believe that H.R. 5385 improves upon a system that sets the bar for medical care internationally.

By passing H.R. 5385, CHGME can continue to succeed in bolstering research poten-

tial at these institutions as well as helping to cure a problem that supersedes political boundaries: children's illness.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 5385.

RECOGNIZING THE 6TH ANNUAL  
TASTE OF ETHIOPIA

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 6th Annual Taste of Ethiopia. This yearly occasion celebrates and recognizes Colorado's Ethiopian immigrant community. The event encompasses an array of Ethiopian music, foods, arts, crafts, games and dances, creating an environment of cultural immersion. The event truly highlights the many wonderful and positive contributions our fellow Americans of Ethiopian descent make to better our community. Best of all, the event is designed to welcome everyone and every year more and more of our neighbors come to enjoy, experience, and learn more about the fascinating and deeply historic Ethiopian culture.

I am proud to represent the largest Ethiopian community in the State of Colorado in the United States House of Representatives. The Ethiopian community's dedication to work, family, and education truly exemplifies the values that strengthen our nation. I have had the privilege of attending the past Taste of Ethiopia events, and it is an honor for me to again take part in the festivities.

I would like to again offer my sincere congratulations to the organizers and volunteers of the Taste of Ethiopia for their dedication to promoting Ethiopian culture in the State of Colorado. Therefore, I include in the RECORD their names:

1. Fikru Ayele.
2. Girum Alemayehu.
3. Nebiyu Asfaw.
4. Bizuayehu Sebsebe.
5. Sofia Belew.
6. Adanech Dembel.
7. Yalemwork Tekola.
8. Senait Ketema.
9. Tilahun Dessie.
10. Selam Ayele.
11. Aynalem Mamo.
12. Helen Tekle.
13. Sossena Dagne.
14. Yohannes Mengistu.
15. Aschalew Agonafer.
16. Mequanent Mekuria.
17. Mahder Mengiste.
18. Admasu Chekole.
19. Elizabeth Moltot.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE USS  
"TAPPAHANNOCK"

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the USS *Tappahannock*, a Navy vessel with 34 years of service. On Sunday

July 15th, the USS *Tappahannock* was memorialized in a ceremony on the Courthouse Green in Tappahannock, VA.

The USS *Tappahannock* was vital to the support of U.S. aircraft carriers, battleships, destroyers and other combatants during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. During WWII, the ship earned six medals and nine battle stars. Additionally her sailors were credited with shooting down a Japanese bomber and rescuing sailors from ships that were sunk by Japanese aircraft. After WWII, the ship was briefly decommissioned before being put back into service for the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The USS *Tappahannock* was finally stricken from the Navy's roles in 1976 after its 34 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the USS *Tappahannock* for its admirable service to the protection of our Nation.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FORT  
KNOX CENTENNIAL

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fort Knox Centennial. Fort Knox plays a vital role in our national security, and I am extremely proud to represent Fort Knox in Congress.

After serving as a military installation going back to the Civil War, ground was officially broken for the installation we know today as Fort Knox on August 16, 1918. Established as an artillery camp during World War I, Fort Knox was used as an active training center and housed soldiers returning from the war. During World War II, Fort Knox was chosen to be the headquarters of the Armored Force, which trained soldiers in the use of armored vehicles, and remained the Armor headquarters until 2005. Since then, Fort Knox has been the home of a number of commands, including the Human Resources Command, Recruiting Command, and Cadet Command. Famously, Fort Knox is also home to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Bullion Depository. Fort Knox is a leader in military innovation with its award-winning energy conservation program.

Fort Knox is home to the future of our Armed Forces. Here's to the next 100 years.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH  
WENDE BREAST CARE ON OPEN-  
ING ITS NEW LOCATION

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care on the grand opening of a new site in Carthage, New York.

Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care leads the field in breast imaging and breast cancer diagnosis, and is well known for its state-of-the-art 3D mammography technology. In its fight against breast cancer, Elizabeth Wendé Breast Care has partnered with Carthage Area Hospital to